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Calendar

Mon, Oct 16	Leaf Removal begins this week	Sun, Nov 5	Arboretum Committee Fall Tree Walk, Meet at Penn Place, 1pm
Wed, Oct 18	GP street re-paving begins	 Thur, Nov 9	Historic Preservation Committee Meeting, Town Office, 6pm
Thur, Oct 19	GPJams, Town Hall, 8pm	Fri, Nov 10	Veterans Day observed, Town Office is closed
Fri, Oct 20	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at PO lobby! Film Society, <i>Our Little Sister</i> , Town Hall, Dinner 7pm, Film 8pm	Sat, Nov 11	Garrett Park Farmers Market, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot, 9am–1pm
Sat, Oct 21	Garrett Park Farmers Market, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot, 9am–1pm Art at Penn Place, Series 14 (continues): Michael Shibley, on exhibit till Oct 28	Mon, Nov 13	Town Council, Town Hall, 7:30pm
Sat, Oct 28	Garrett Park Farmers Market, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot, 9am–1pm Second (Annual) GP Halloween Costume Parade, Kenilworth (north of the light), 11am to 12pm  Pumpkin Carving (after the parade), Basketball Court, 12 to 1pm Spooky Woods, 7pm (see all details on p.4)	Tue, Nov 14	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30pm
Thur, Nov 2	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meeting, Town Office, 10am GPJams, Town Hall, 8pm	Wed, Nov 15	Deadline for December <i>Bugle</i>
Sat, Nov 4	Garrett Park Farmers Market, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot, 9am–1pm GIVES collection, PO lobby, 9am–12pm	Thur, Nov 16	GPJams, Town Hall, 8pm
		Sat, Nov 18	Garrett Park Farmers Market, Penn Place/CSX Parking Lot, 9am–1pm GIVES collection, next to Farmers Market, 9am–12pm  GPNS Bake Sale, Town Hall, 9am (see details on p.7)
		Tue, Nov 21	Arboretum Committee Meeting, Town Office, 7pm
		Thur & Fri, Nov 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Holiday, Town Office is closed  

School Plans Still Developing

All members were present for October's Town Council meeting.

The meeting began with the Council entertaining a presentation by Chris Keller on behalf of certain residents. Chris asked how much longer would the town receive comments on the 65% completed drawings of the sidewalk plans. Mayor Peter Benjamin responded that "there's plenty of time"; the town is waiting to hear from various agencies, and

residents' comments will be accepted while we await those agencies' responses.

Liz King, our local representative for the Walter Johnson High School cluster, reported on the status of the County Council's efforts to consider two development plans and to locate land, or to define a process to obtain land, on which to build new schools. The two development plans in the works are White Flint 2 (which presently includes students

from WJ and Wheaton) and Rock Spring (presently with kids from WJ). The authority to seek sites for schools is being clarified. PTA members have been working with County Council members and the Committee for Planning, Housing, and Economic Development, but proposal language is still being discussed. Liz thanked council member Steve Paczkowski for speaking on behalf of the town at two different sessions of the County Council. The town is hoping land will be provided to allow for one additional middle school and at least one more elementary school.

Under action items, the Mayor recommended Nancy Walz for the Historic Preservation Committee. "She is a very thoughtful and careful person....," said the Mayor. Nancy was appointed unanimously.

Town Manager Gene Swearingen presented the manager's report. With the first quarter of the fiscal year just ending, we are in good shape. Revenues are a bit ahead of schedule; expenses are a little behind expectations.

Council member Joanna Welch spoke about a discussion she had with a resident who was angered and frustrated by the Maryland Historic Trust submission that was sent in a couple of weeks ago. The resident said he was not consulted about the section of proposed walk adjacent to his property until after the submission was already made. This seemed disrespectful to not include his and others' opinions in the submission. Council member Hans Wegner said he and Gene had been trying for about a month to get on the calendar of various residents, but some residents have been slow in responding. Mayor Benjamin said there was nothing in the Town's submission that was changed as a result of the residents' discussions, which are oriented toward the 100% plan drawings. "Those discussions become part of the next step of the sidewalks process." Gene stated that the Town is presently looking at all concerns received from individual property owners. We "are going to make some changes" in the final plan. The Town has been made aware of certain drainage issues, for instance. Gene said that the historical submission is different; we are looking at the historical preservation issue, not specific design issues.

Council member Steve Paczkowski asked if it would be clear by the end that all major themes of residents' concerns are addressed? Hans indicated that the people most willing to speak to the Council tend to be in support of the sidewalks. Peter said residents' concerns tend to be about plantings, trees, walls, and driveways. And with that, the meeting adjourned. [See "Council Notes in Verse!" on p.6]

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Brian Mizoguchi and Margaret Soltan

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### Green Tip of the Month

#### October is Energy Action Month in Montgomery County

The County reports that it purchases 100% renewable energy and has reduced GHG emissions by 23% since 2009 in commercial and residential buildings. County government has reduced emissions by 67% and installed solar and micro grids to improve resiliency.  
*(Tip courtesy of Roger Berliner, County Council)*

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# Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

♪ Dr. Charles Doring, son of Garrett Parkers Richard and Elizabeth Doring, received a Distinguished Service Award in September at the Chesapeake Dental Conference. Among other things, Dr. Doring—a specialist in treating the medically and

mentally challenged patient and who works at the Rockville Nursing Home and Hebrew Home of Greater Washington—chairs the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Maryland State Dental Association.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Below is an updated and corrected list provided by the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee of volunteer drivers who are willing, when available, to provide rides for occasional medical and dental appointments, pharmacy and grocery needs, etc.



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\*Michael can help with routine maintenance repairs

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## Notes from GIVES...

• The GIVES Warm Coat Collection will take place December 1-16 at the GP Post Office. Look for the cardboard box labeled GIVES WARM COAT COLLECTION. BRING ONLY NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS! The final collection day will be Saturday, Dec 16, from 9am to 12pm, and coats will be donated to Thrive DC and Stepping Stones Shelter.

• December is just around the corner... Thinking about what to get the friend who has everything? Then, stop by the collection table on either Saturday, Nov 4 or Dec 16, when GIVES Gift Donation Cards will be on sale again! Help support those in need around the holidays...

• On Sunday, Nov 12 from 2 to 4pm, all volunteers are invited to attend the **GIVES Gratitude Tea & Cookies** annual meeting. It's being held to thank our amazing volunteers and report back on finances for 2017. The Tea will be held at Rana Koll-Mandel's home, 11314 Rokeby Ave in GP. RSVP by no later than Nov 8 to Rana at 240-498-4602 or Nancy Walz at 301-785-0958.

• Lastly, anytime you wish to make a GIVES donation but find yourself without cash or check OR you've missed the regularly scheduled collections, please use the donation envelopes available in the small metal can on free book shelves in GP Post Office OR mail it to GIVES, PO Box 331, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

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# Calling All Pumpkins, Ghosts, Dragons, and Witches Too!

## We've got a Haunted and Spooky Trail Planned Just for You!

### Citizens Association Notes

*The Garrett Park Citizens Association will host its Annual Spooky Woods event on Saturday, October 28, starting at 7pm!*

This has been one of the coolest events that Garrett Park has hosted in the past and this year will be no exception! However, we will need your help in making sure that this event is a success. We need a minimum of 20 adults who can volunteer to setup, scare people, and clean up.

The Citizens Association has many spooky props to choose from so if you don't have enough props but would still like to have a scare station, have no fear! We've got you covered!

If you are able to help out, please contact Darshini Trivedi at [darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com).

**Second (Annual) Garrett Park Halloween Costume Parade: Saturday, October 28 from 11am to 12pm!** To help kick off Spooky Woods, the Garrett Park Parents list-serv will be hosting its second (annual) Garrett Park Halloween costume parade. Kids of all ages are welcome! Any "family" costumes for those parents who want to dress up are also welcome. A few "treat stations" will be set up along the parade route for the kids to trick-or-treat. Volunteers are needed to:

- (1) donate candy (no peanuts) or other non-edible treats (like stickers);
- (2) hand out the treats at one of the stations;
- (3) lend a card table for an hour for one of the stations.

The parade will begin at 11am on Kenilworth (just north of the stop light) and end at the basketball courts. If you are able help out, please contact Lesley Maloney at [lesleymaloney@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymaloney@gmail.com).

**Pumpkin Carving: Saturday, October 28 from 12 to 1pm**

The Garrett Park Halloween Parade will be followed by the Annual Pumpkin carving contest at the basketball courts. Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. We provide snacks and drinks. Loan us your Jack-o-Lantern for Spooky Woods!

**Save the date:**

2018 Town Dinner- Saturday, January 27, 2018

**Future Meetings.** Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Darshini Trivedi

([darshinibtrived@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrived@gmail.com)) or send a note to Box 456.

**Annual Dues.** The Citizens Association 2017 annual dues are still being collected. The annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

**Garrett Park Listserv.** Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv will not be used for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at <https://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join>.

Questions or comments for the Citizens Association?

If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Darshini Trivedi at [darshinibtrived@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrived@gmail.com).



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# Town Manager Notes

**Town Website.** Garrett Park has an excellent website full of good information and timely notifications. I encourage you to get into the habit of checking the site for general information, renting the Town Hall, obtaining meeting schedules, getting updates on trash, recycling and large item pick-ups and much more.

**Note that effective December 31, 2017, the Town will discontinue using the Garrett Park Mailing List (GPML) for notices.** *All notices and other Town information will be posted only on the website.* If you wish to continue to receive Town messages, please register for a Resident website user account (if you haven't already done so) in the Residents Portal at: <https://www.garrettparkmd.gov/Sys/sso/Register> where you will find easy instructions. Once you've registered and have been approved, sign in, navigate to the Residents Portal, select "Sign up for eNotification preferences" to choose what messages you want to receive.

**Street Repaving.** The current phase of the street repair and repaving program will begin Wednesday, October 18 and, weather permitting, be completed within two weeks. The streets scheduled for repaving this year are Weymouth from Knowles to the end; Montrose from Oxford to the end; Clyde from Kenilworth to Rokeby; and Keswick from Cambria to Strathmore and from Strathmore to Oxford. The Town will place reminder signs on each of these streets. Please remember to park off the streets while the work is being done.

**Leaf Removal.** Leaf raking season is here! Leaf removal begins the week of Monday, October 16 and extends through December. During the leaf removal season, each street will be cleared once every week, as early in the week as possible (rain will delay collections). Leaves should be placed in rows along the street side of the curb. Please remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris that could damage the machinery. Shredded leaves or grass clippings should be placed in paper bags and put out for the regular yard waste collection on Mondays. As you drive through town, please be aware of children who may be playing in the leaves! We appreciate your cooperation.

**Leaf Raking & Yard Work Assistance.** Any young people in Town who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Elizabeth Henley at the Town Office to add their name to our list.

**Halloween.** Garrett Park Elementary School will hold its annual Halloween parade on October 31 at 2:30pm. The parade will start at the school, proceed

down Oxford, turn south on Montrose to the dead end and return to the school. There will be over 500 participants in the parade! Streets along the route will close to vehicular traffic at 1:30pm.

**Spooky Woods.** The annual Spooky Woods event will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



As always, please feel free to call the Town office at 301/933-7488 with any questions or concerns.

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager



## Green Banner Contribution

### Green Again!

Over the summer and during the transition of the Bugle's editorial team, there was a bit of a hiccup with tracking the Green banner sponsorship. However, with the help of this month's sponsor, Rob Walker Freer, we've gotten back on track. We are very grateful for his donation—and his patience! So it is with much appreciation that we recognize the request of the Freer/Walter families in sponsoring this month's green banner of the *Garrett Bugle* "in honor of Anne Atlee, a long-time resident of Garrett Park and a long-time next-door neighbor." Mr. Freer further adds that "Anne Atlee has been a wonderful neighbor to the Freer family and the Walter family for many, many years and my wife (Kathy) and I very much wanted her to be honored in this way."

If anyone else would like to support the green banner in future months, please make out a check to the Citizens Association (CA) for \$45 with "Green Banner" in the subject line; and mail it to the CA at Box 456. If you would like to dedicate your sponsorship to someone or something, please also include a note to that effect. Thank you!



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# Creative Contributions

## by Town Residents

### I walked to Heaven Today\*\*

I walked to heaven today  
Through the moongate garden and square oval arches  
Around pools of water black as granite and  
Up shallow steps of rose pink quartz.

I walked to heaven today  
Through flowers as colorful as a painter’s pallette  
Surrounded by the song of a thousand birds  
Their wings beating a soft whisper to my heart.

Kacky Chantry

**\*\*Know where this is? HINT: Downtown, DC.**  
**First person to correctly name its location wins a**  
**Starbucks’ gift card—on me! Emails only, please!**  
**editorgpbugle@gmail.com Subject: Heaven Today**

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### What We're Reading

[Editor's note: This is the pilot of a monthly series of book recommendations submitted by your Garrett Park neighbors! This month’s recommendation comes from one of the town’s book clubs.]

### Great Expectations in America

By Brian Mizoguchi

**Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow**  
Paperback: 832 pages  
Publisher: Penguin Books (2005)  
ISBN-13: 978-0143034759

No tickets to the musical? No problem, you’ll get months’ worth of enjoyment from this compelling book. Ron Chernow’s biography unveils a Dickensian story of the improbable rise of an illegitimate orphan from a tiny Caribbean island to founding father of the American republic. A young boy, toiling as a clerk while wishing to someday exalt his station, moonlights for a newspaper and writes a story about a hurricane which causes a sensation. A benefactor takes notice of the writer’s talent and organizes a subscription fund to send young Hamilton to New York to be educated. And the rest is history! In the right place at the right time with the right stuff, Hamilton is noticed by George Washington during the Revolutionary War. He eventually becomes the future first President’s principal aide and arguably the most influential founding father, shaping the modern national government that emerges after independence from the British. Along the way, Hamilton and much of society engage in fierce, unabating partisan and personal warfare. The conduct and personality of

Washington and Jefferson are revealed in ways that revise their mythical status. Fake news and scandals, real and invented, were prevalent in this turbulent, formative era. ***Spoiler alert:*** Hamilton’s political trajectory is capped by his ascending enemies and unforced error, culminating in his famous final “interview” with Aaron Burr.

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### Council Notes in Verse!

By Margaret Soltan

#### Hark, Hark: Garrett Park

First off, welcome back to our boss  
(*Disaster relief, the Red Cross*).

And now as the meeting begins it’s  
The custom to check the last Minutes.

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‘Would anyone present here like  
To step up and talk into the mic?’

On behalf of himself and Dick Pratt  
Chris Keller asks councilfolk that

We all enjoy plenty of time  
To comment on sidewalk design.

‘For sure,’ says the Mayor. Next thing:  
An update on schools from Liz King.

Bottom line: We are still without rules  
To designate sites for new schools.

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Unanimously, without schmaltz,  
The Council appoints Nancy Walz

For Historical Pres.  
Then Gene Swearingen says

‘It’s time to discuss the town budget.  
On reflection, I’d say that I judge it

Quite sound. And I’m happy to tell you  
We’re above expectations on revenue.’

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The meeting concluded with talk  
About citizen comments on walks.

One resident felt his opinion  
Was excluded from GP’s submission

To the Maryland Historic Trust.  
Hans and Peter agreed Garrett Park must

Incorporate homeowner views,  
But the MHT document drew

On historic themes, not design.  
Feedback on that's for a later time.

\*\*\*\*\* THE END \*\*\*\*\*

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# Obituary

## Calvin Benham Baldwin, Jr.

Calvin “Cal” Benham Baldwin, Jr. an administrator for 33 years at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) died peacefully on June 28, 2017, at Kensington Park, a senior living community. He was 91. Cal’s wife of 66 years Elizabeth “Betty” Baldwin died on March 16, 2017. A resident of Garrett Park from 1963 to 2017, Cal was born in Radford, Virginia to Calvin Benham “Beanie” Baldwin, Sr. and Louise Delp Baldwin on December 22, 1925.

Cal joined NIH in 1953 and served in a number of administrative positions until his retirement in 1986: Executive Officer of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Executive Officer of the National Cancer Institute, and Associate Director for Administration of NIH. He received numerous honors and awards during his career.

He became a resident of Montgomery County in 1933, when his family moved to Chevy Chase from Radford, Virginia. His father served in Roosevelt’s New Deal as an assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace and as Director of the Farm Security Administration.

Cal attended Montgomery County public schools, graduating from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1943. He served in the infantry in World War II in Germany and Japan. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1949 with a degree in sociology, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1961, he received a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University.

At the time of his retirement, Cal told the NIH Record “I plan to do as I please.” And he did just that -- becoming active in a number and variety of civic and community affairs. In Bethany Beach, Delaware, where the family has a second home, he served on the town council and as chairman of the planning commission. He also was president of the Bethany Beach Landowners Association. In 2002, the Mayor of Bethany Beach recognized his “tireless work and persistence (over 15 years)” that led to the town’s acquisition of a 26-acre parcel, which became the Bethany Beach Nature Center. The nature trail at the Center was named “Baldwin Trail” in honor of his efforts.

Another multi-year project he helped bring to fruition was the hiker-biker trail from Garrett Park to Beach Drive in Rock Creek Park. He and a number of other community activists also helped stop the construction of a trail through a wetland area in the park.

A founding member of the NIH Alumni Association and The Children’s Inn at NIH, Cal was a board member of both organizations.

Throughout his life, Cal traveled extensively with friends and family. He hitchhiked across the country when he was 16 and traveled in Europe with his college roommate. He and Betty took their family on a number of road trips, including two trips across the country, a trip to Oaxaca and Mexico City, and a trip to Quebec and Prince Edward Island. After retirement, he and Betty traveled, on their own and with Elderhostel and other educational programs, in the US and to Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and Costa Rica. Upon returning from these trips, he always said he was happy to be home in Garrett Park, one of his two favorite places on earth – Bethany Beach being the other.

Cal was an avid tennis player until the age of 80, which kept him active both physically and socially. He and Betty loved spending time in Bethany Beach, Delaware and Capon Springs, West Virginia with friends and family. Listening to all kinds of music and reading mysteries, biographies, history, philosophy, and politics were favorite pastimes. Cal wasn’t happy without his daily dose of news -- reading his beloved Washington Post cover to cover and rarely missing the PBS News Hour. He also spent many years researching his family history. He and Betty were long time members of the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church.

Cal is survived by daughter Susan Baldwin of San Diego, CA and her daughter Elizabeth “Lizzie” Baldwin Hall; daughter Sally Baldwin of Washington, D.C., her husband Desson Thomson and their sons Alex, Adrian, and Andrew; and daughter Ann Baldwin Nucci of Rockville, MD, her husband Patrick Nucci and their son Jamie and daughter Katie. We will all miss him greatly.

Donations in his memory may be made to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, P.O. Box 97166, Washington, D.C. 20090-7166 or to the Democratic National Committee, 430 South Capitol Street, SE #3 Washington, DC 20003.

Cal’s family will hold a celebration of his life at Cedar Lane Unitarian Church on Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m. For details, please contact [calvinbaldwingp@gmail.com](mailto:calvinbaldwingp@gmail.com).

# GPNS Bake Sale November 18

Please join the Garrett Park Nursery School (GPNS) community for a Saturday night of fun, food and music at Town Hall Saturday, November 18, 2017!

As some of you have heard, GPNS is taking a break from holding its pre-Thanksgiving craft fair. It wasn't an easy decision for the school's membership to make. But it comes during a year of unusually low enrollment. Our class for 2-year olds is at less-than-half capacity. The prospect of running a full-weekend fundraiser minus 28 hours worth of volunteer help was too much to place on the shoulders of the other families.

The remaining pieces of our annual weekend will be just as strong as ever. The bake sale will start at 9am on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll still have a wide range of cakes, pies, breads and cupcakes to help you fill out your Thanksgiving menu. Please email bake sale coordinator Kristine Celorio ([kristinekearney007@yahoo.com](mailto:kristinekearney007@yahoo.com)) if you have a special request that we can try to fulfill.

Then Saturday night, a huge community-wide celebration of the 64-year-old, parent-run school. It's still early, but we're excited to share some of the silent auction items we'll have up for bid:

- a full driving course from I Drive Smart
- ski lift passes at Whitetail Resort and Liberty Mountain
- bocce and brunch at Pinstripes
- wine tasting parties
- a personal visit and gift delivery from Santa on a fire truck

Whether you're a member of the GPNS alumni family or just a member of the community, we hope you'll all come out for an evening of FREE food and drinks. We'll kick things off at 7:30 with LIVE music by Sisters Uke & Friends, featuring Liz Brinker (a.k.a. Music Together teacher, Ms. Liz), a former member of the GPNS family.

Hope to see you there!

Bridget Manifold and Joanna Welch  
GPNS fundraising co-chairs



## LUNCH BUNCH 2017-2018

2nd Tuesday of every month except July/August  
12:30 PM, Town Hall  
(ALL Garrett Park residents welcome!)

### 2017

September 12  
October 10  
November 14  
December 12

### 2018

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March 13  
April 10  
May 8  
June 12

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## Letter to the Editor

### Reference: Mayor's Letter in the 2017 October issue of the Bugle about Garrett Park Storm Water Drainage Matters

I am glad to note that our Mayor is becoming aware of the storm water drainage issues in Garrett Park in general and has a noble intention to ameliorate the problem as he states in his recent letter to the *Bugle*. I live at 11408 Rokeby Avenue, and I have had a back-yard fence to contain my dogs. The fence was uprooted recently following an above average rain storm. I took some photos. I invited the Town Manager and informed various Town Council members multiple times. However, nothing has been done. I spent money out of my own pocket to reinforce it after each episodic flooding.

I have every reason to believe that the storm water drainage project undertaken to help the few houses upstream of the creek on Kenilworth Avenue has led to erosion of the poles holding the fence following the deluge of storm water in the creek running through our back yard. This has inflicted repeated damage to the fence. More over, recently my new neighbor on the Garrett Park Estates' side has cut some of the trees in my back yard (without asking me) as well as cleaned them up on the adjoining property and encroached the clean-up into my back yard. This includes some common area owned by the Town that exists between Garrett Park and the Estates. It may be prudent to get some landscaping done in this area to reinforce the soil and control the water run-off. I have some ideas and I am more than happy to share them and even some cost, if the Town can help in any fashion.

I hope the solutions undertaken by the Town Council and Mayor to fix the storm water drainage problem do not worsen it for those of us with homes in low lying areas of the Town in the coming years, especially with the effects of climate change. Drainage of Garrett Park streets do need work and let us hope it helps all Garrett Parkers and not just some households. Some of us still believe, I hope, in taking some actions to protect us from the vagaries of global warming and climate change. Luckily, we still have Town Council elections where every vote matters, and it is not yet an electoral college based on the square footage of our homes.

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